GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4820
ANSWERED ON:20.12.2000
CONSULTATIVE STATUS TO VHP
VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request from the Members of Parliament to intervene and ensure that VHP does not get consultative status in UN Economic and Social Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) India has been working with other members of the Committee on non-governmental organisations set up by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to ensure that all applicants meet the criteria laid down by the Council for granting consultative status.